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Operations are listed by start date

27/01/03: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved a plan to permanently close a chemical weapons disposal facility on Johnston Island. After the completion of the cleanup facility on Johnston Island is expected to close soon and an administration change will soon put the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in charge of the overall operations of this U.S. territory. Future DXpeditions to Johnston Island, KH3, may be much more difficult.
On top of all of this the Johnston Island (OC-023) Club station KJ6BZ will be dismantled. Finnish operators OH2BH, Martti Laine, and OH2PM, Pertti Simovaara, along with DX editor W3UR, Bernie McClenny have obtained special permission to visit, document and operate from the club station for one week and just before the demolition, which is scheduled just days after the operation. In the spirit of "cleanup," the ham radio team is going to do its best to "clean up the demand" for KH3 for Europe, low bands and WARC bands. The AH3D crew will also "tidy up" on 6 meters and RTTY. The all band CW, SSB and RTTY operation is scheduled to take place from January 27 to February 4. The group will use proven sanitation materials, and the recently launched DXpedition grade Yaesu FT-857 and FT-897 radios with multiple amplifiers. They will use a variety of antennas to spray their signals across the airwaves including a TH11, 3-element 10 meter beam, duo bander for 12 and 17 meters and various wires for the low bands.
To help manage the cleanup K6GNX, Dr. Bill Avery, will step in as the team's pilot station. He will act as a point person to relay news between the operating crew and the DX community. Bill can be reached via e-mail to bavery@telemetry.com . This may very well be the last big sweep from Johnston Island for a long time. Those wishing to fill their needed list should monitor the following frequencies: CW 1827.5, 3506, 7006, 10106, 14024, 18075, 21024, 24895, 28024, 50105 kHz; SSB 3795, 7082, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495, 50105 kHz; RTTY 14085 or 21085 kHz. QSL via OH2BH, 2003 Johnston Atoll DXpedition, P.O. Box 73, 02380 Espoo, Finland.

28/01/03: Pick, WA5PAE (KG4IZ), and Jay, K4ZLE (KG4MO), will return to Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) between January 28th and February 4th. They will operate all bands from 160 through 10 metres using mostly CW, PSK-31 and RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [tnx 425DXN]

29/01/03: Andy, K2LE, will be active January 29th through February 7th from Aruba (SA-036) as P4/K2LE. QSL via home call, CBA. [tnx DXNL]

30/01/03: Hans, DL7CM, and Sid, DM2AYO, will be active as HH6/DL7CM and HH6/DM2AYO from Ile a Vache (NA-149), Haiti between January 30th and February 15th. They plan to operate 160 through 6 meters CW, SSB and RTTY, with a beam and a GP for the low bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [tnx 425DXN]

30/01/03: Terry, VE7TLL, plans to be active January 30th to February 10th as VR2/VE7TLL from Lantau Island (AS-006), Hong Kong. This is not a

DXpedition, but he will try to be as active as possible on the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, CBA. [tnx 425DXN]

31/01/03: Bill, VE3EBN, will be active between January 31st and April 2nd as J37LR from Grenada (NA-024). He will operate on 80 through 10 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via VE3EBN. [tnx 425DXN]

31/01/03: Look for JN1MYM and JO1UTG to operate from Saipan (OC-086) as KH0/JN1MYM and KH2DI/KH0, respectively, between January 31st and February 3rd. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters. QSL via their home callsigns. [tnx OPDX]

31/01/03: YL Chrissy, VP5/KB9VAL, and her father Gary, VP5/K9SG, will activate from the Turks and Caicos Islands at the station of VP5JM between January 31st and February 3rd. QSL via K9SG. [tnx DXNL]

01/02/03: Manfred, DJ7RJ, will be active February 1st to 13th from Grenada (NA-024) as J3/DJ7RJ. QSL via home call. [tnx 425DXN]

02/02/03: Wicky/W4LW and Fred/K4FMD will operate as V2/K4UP from Antigua (NA-100) on their annual DX Vacation from February 2nd to 8th. Their activity will be a casual style operation on 10, 12, 15, 17, and 20 meters SSB only. QSL via K4UP direct or bureau. [tnx OPDX]

04/02/03: Wil, DJ7AA, reports that he is planning another trip to Contadora Island (NA-073), Panama, and will be active February 4th to 19th. His main activities are the WPX-RTTY Contest and the ARRL CW Contest. Outside of the contests, his activity will be mostly CW on 160/80 meters. Please look for him on 1826.5 and 3560.0 kHz always listening split, so please look for his QSX frequencies. There may be some activity on the WARC bands and some SSB if someone needs it and if there is some time. The callsign is not known yet. QSLs for this activity are going via DL6MYL. [tnx OPDX]

04/02/03: Ed, W2SN, is scheduled to operate as VP6EM from Pitcairn Island on February 4, 2003, between 17:00 and 23:59 UTC, on 10, 15 and/or 20 meters SSB, depending on propagation. QSL to home call. [tnx W2SN]

05/02/03: Mat, JS6PXB, will sign JS6PXB/6 from Zamami Island (AS-017) (Zamami-jima Zamami-son Shimajiri-gun Okinawa-ken) from 0600z, February 5th through 0000z, February 6th. Activity will only be on 40 and 20 meters SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to: Mat Hosokawa, 2-39-3-306 Aragusuku, Ginowan City, Okinawa Island 901-2201 Japan. [tnx OPDX]

05/02/03: Guillermo, XQ3SA, Axel, CE3AFC, Hector, CE3VII, and Felipe, CE3SAG, will be active February 5th to 9th as XR6M from Mocha Island (SA-061, Grid Loc: FF21np). This activity will be entirely devoted to 6 meters (50.110 MHz) and satellites (AO-40, AO-7, UO-14, RS-15 and AO-27). QSL via P.O. Box 27064, Santiago, Chile. [tnx 425DXN]

06/02/03: Hector, XE2K, Pablo, XE2CHE, Rogelio, XE2FCR, Emidgio, XE2ZY, Hector, XE2CK and Ray, N6VR (CW operator) will be active as XF1K from Isla Pelicano (NA-167) between February 6th and 9th. The team hopes to start operating at 03:00 UTC February 6th and expects to leave the island on either the evening of February 8th, or the morning of the 9th (the decision will depend on tides). SSB and CW operations are expected to take place on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, for 12-18 hours a day. QSL via N6AWD either direct (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA) or through the bureau. [tnx 425DXN]

07/02/03: Takeshi, JA5AUC, will operate from Saipan (OC-086) as KH0/JA5AUC between February 7th and 12th. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign. [tnx OPDX]

08/02/03: The Metro Amateur Radio Club will be active February 8th and 9th (16:00 - 24:00 UTC both days) from the Chicago Harbor Southeast Guidewall Lighthouse (USA-930). They will be using the special event call K9Y. QSL via N9BOR, with SASE (Michael J Dinelli, 9423 Kolmar Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076-1321). [tnx MARC]

09/02/03: A German team plans to head south to get away from the cool weather and be active as 3B8/DK7AO from Point D'Esny, Mauritius Island (AF-049), between February 9th and 15th. The team consists of: Frank/DK7AO and his XYL Katrin/DL1AXL, Guenter/DL2AWG and Peter/DL3APO (and his XYL). Activity will be on 160-10 meter, but they will focus on the low bands, the WARC bands and some RTTY. They will have 2 HF stations. QSL via DL3APO. [tnx OPDX]

09/02/03: Babs, DL7AFS, and Lot, DJ7ZG, will be active February 9th to 23rd as 5X1DC from Uganda. Their QTH will be located on the Ssese Islands (Grid Loc: KG60aa), which is located in Lake Victoria near Entebbe. QSL via DL7AFS. [tnx 425DXN]

09/02/03: Ron, ND5S, plans to be active as PJ7/ND5S and Sue as PJ7/KF5LG from St.Maarten (NA-105) between February 9th and February 22nd. Ron will again participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest. Outside of the contest, activity will be 160-10 meters CW, RTTY and SSB in that order. QSL via PJ7/ND5S direct or bureau. [tnx OPDX]

11/02/03: John, K3TEJ, plans to be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as 6Y0T from Jamaica (NA-097). During activity outside of the contest, he will operate as 6Y5/K3TEJ. He will be active between February 11th to 18th. Operations will be on 160-10 meters CW ONLY. QSL both callsigns via K3TEJ. [tnx OPDX]

11/02/03: Ben, DL6RAI, and Roberto, IV3IYH (aka IK2MRZ), will be active February 11th to March 3rd from Tobago (SA-009). Operation will be on all bands 160 through 10 meters CW, SSB and RTTY. Ben will sign 9Y4/DL6RAI (QSL via DL6RAI) and Roberto will sign 9Y4/IV3IYH (QSL via IK2ILH). They also plan to participate in the ARRL DX SSB and CW contests as 9Y4TBG (QSL via DL4MEH). [tnx 425DXN]

12/02/03: Pierre, F6FXS, will be active once more from his son's on Guadeloupe Main island (NA-102, DIFO FG-001) between February 12th and March, 12th as FG/F6FXS. It's a CW only activity, but also a holiday one. Pierre will run about 30 watts from an IC706 and wire antenna. Look for him on 40 through 10 meters, but mainly around 14030, 18070, 21030 or 28030 kHz (+/- QRM), in the morning and the evening (local time = UTC minus 4). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [tnx F5NQL]

12/02/03: Bill, W9VA, will be active as PY0ZFO from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) between February 12th and 18th. His activity will include the ARRL CW DX Contest using a special callsign. Contest category and callsign will be announced later. QSL via W9VA. [tnx OPDX]

12/02/03: Look for Stan, AC8W, Hank, K8DD, and possibly one or two operators to be active from St. Kitts (NA-104) between February 12th and 19th. Activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest. Personal callsigns have been applied for in addition to a contest callsign; however, they are not yet known. Before and after the contest, they will be on the WARC bands, and

also PSK31 and RTTY. QSL will be via home callsigns. An update will be sent out when they know what the callsigns are going to be. [tnx OPDX]

15/02/03: Look for D4B to be active from the Cape Verde Islands (AF-005) during the ARRL DX-CW contest (February 15-16). QSL via 4L5A.

15/02/03: Ed, N2ED, plans to be active in the ARRL DX CW contest (February 15-16th) as V26G from Antigua (NA-100). QSL via N2ED. [tnx N2ED]

15/02/03: Kurt, W6PH, plans to be active in the ARRL DX CW contest (February 15-16th) as VP9/W6PH from Bermuda (NA-005). Kurt will operate as SOAB LP. QSL via W6PH direct. [tnx W6PH]

17/02/03: Members of the Florida DXPedition Group, Bill V25WX (W4WX) and Larry V2/W1LR (applied for V26LR) are planning trip to Antigua between February 17th and 25th. They will be traveling Space A via military aircraft out of Patrick AFB, Cocoa, FL. They will be taking one small mini-beam for 10-15-20m, Force 12 Sigma 5 Vertical for 10-12-15-17-20m, and dipole for 6m. They will be on SSB, MMTTY, PSK-31 (no brags please). Flashing Light on request for small ships. Pilot station Clarence W9AAZ (kx8nlaf@bellsouth.net). QSL via home calls. [tnx W4WX]

18/02/03: Due to medical reasons Klaus, DJ4SO, had to re-schedule his activity as PJ6/DJ4SO for February 18th to March 12th. He will then be QRV in CW/SSB/RTTY on 40 through 6 meters depending on his antenna possibilities, maybe also on 160 and 80m. QSL via bureau. [tnx DXNL]

23/02/03: Three members of SL0ZS, The Voluntary Radioorganisation - Stockholm branch, are planning for a DX-pedition to Svalbard (EU-026) between February 23rd and March 1st, 2003. The team consists of Peter Rosenthal, JW/SM0BSO, Stellan Wersen, JW/SM0LQB, and Eric Wennstrom (ex. SM1TDE/4U, TF/SM1TDE), JW/SM1TDE. They will operate from the club station JW5E located in Longyearbyen. Activity will take place on all bands from 160 through 6 meters in CW, SSB, RTTY as well as several other digital modes. QSL via homecalls, bureau or direct. Electronic-QSLs can be obtained at www.eQSL.cc . [tnx SL0ZS]

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Pedro, HK3JJH, reminds us:
"Actual cost of regular mail in Colombia is US $1.65 and IRC are not accepted in post office here for this reason I can not sponsor that, I will continue sending my QLSs via Bureau or direct from American post office when I can trip to USA, or send it with some friend to there.
Right now I am on time with my entire out going QSLs but I will need to make mentioned change.
73'DX, Pedro J. Allina B., HK3JJH"
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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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